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SUBJECT: MAURITIUS WEEKLY REVIEW - JUNE 17 (SUMMARY)

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1. THE COUP D'ETAT IN THE SEYCHELLES CONTINUED TO DOMINATE THE NEWS IN MAURITIUS THIS WEEK. AN INFORMAL POLL BY ONE PAPER INDICATED THAT THE "MAN IN THE STREET" WAS SURPRISED BY THE COUP, UNHAPPY ABOUT IT, BUT DOUBTED A SIMILAR THING COULD HAPPEN IN MAURITIUS. A LEADING NEWSPAPER EDITOR WHO IS GENERALLY SYMPATHETIC TO THE LEFT CRITICIZED RENE FOR VIOLATING THE SEYCHELLES CONSTITUTION IN FACT, WHILE TRYING TO JUSTIFY HIS ACTIONS ON THE BASIS THAT MANCHAM HAD "INTENDED" TO VIOLATE THE CONSTITUTION. AN EXTREME LEFT WING, PRO-CHINESE POLITICAL PARTY CHARGED THAT THE COUP WAS ONE MORE EVIDENCE OF ADVANCING "SOVIET SOCIAL IMPERIALISM."

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2. THE MAURITIAN MILITANT MOVEMENT'S NEWSPAPER, LE MILITANT, CONTINUED TO GIVE OPEN SUPPORT TO RENE AND THE COUP, AND TOOK THE GOM TO TASK FOR CERTAIN STATEMENTS ITS LEADERS MADE IN LONDON AND FOR ITS FAILURE TO RECOGNIZE THE RENE REGIME PROMPTLY.

3. LE MILITANT LATER REPORTED THAT THE COUP HAD CAUSED PRIME MINISTER RAMGOOLAM TO BECOME PANICKED. ACCORDING TO THE PAPER, HE HAD ORDERED THE POLICE TO PUT NUMEROUS PERSONS UNDER SURVEILLANCE AND TO REPORT TO HIM DAILY ON THE INTERNAL SECURITY SITUATION WHILE HE WAS IN LONDON ATTENDING THE COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE.

4. LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION JUGNAUTH, ALSO IN LONDON FOR THE COMMONWEALTH MEETINGS, MADE STATEMENTS TO THE PRESS SUPPORTING POSITIONS TAKEN BY THE GOM DELEGATION ON SOUTHERN AFRICA AT THE CONFERENCE.

5. THE MAURITIAN DEMOCRATIC UNION (UDM) PARTY, HAVING FAILED TO WIN A SINGLE SEAT IN THE DECEMBER ELECTIONS, PLANS TO LAUNCH A CAMPAIGN IN FAVOR OF PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION IN THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY SO THAT ALL INTERESTS MAY BE REPRESENTED THERE.

6. LE MAURICIEN NEWSPAPER PUBLISHED A STUDY ON THE "SCANDALOUS" SITUATION WHICH PREVAILS IN THE INCOME TAX AREA. ONLY 25,000 MAURITIANS FILE RETURNS, WHILE THE MAJORITY OF THOSE WHO LEGALLY SHOULD, IGNORE THE LAW.

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